

Appl. No. 10/635,400  
Amdt. dated April 1, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of March 17, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of this Amendment and the Preliminary Amendment submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 6, 2003.

The Office Action mailed on March 17, 2004 stated that the August 6, 2003 Preliminary Amendment is non-compliant because each claim did not include a proper status modifier.

By this Amendment, Applicants submit that all claims now include a proper status modifier. Also, Claim 40 has been amended for clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

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